

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4698
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FIGHT AGAINST SARS
RAVI PRAKASH VERMA;REENA CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government hospitals in the capital are prepared to take on the deadly Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) cases as reported in the 'Hindu' dated April 3, 2003;
- (b) if so, the factual position in this regard; and
- (c) the remedial measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Facilities for treatment of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome in isolation have been arranged in the Central Government Hospitals namely Dr. RML Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital, LHMC & SSK Hospital, All India Institute of Medical Science. Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has also identified five hospitals including Infectious Disease Hospital for treatment of such cases.